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SUBJ: SINO-SOVIET TRADE TALKS

1. MOSCOW RADIO (JULY 29) REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF A PRC
TRADE DELEGATION LED BY FOREIGN TRADE VICE MINISTER CHAI SHK#

AFAN TO SIGN THE 1973 SINO-SOVIET TRADE AND PAYMENTS
AGREEMENT. ON JULY 28, NCNA REPORTED THE DELEGATION'S
DEPARTURE FROM PEKING BUT DID NOT REVEAL THE PURPOSE OF THE
VISIT. ACCORDING TO THE MOSCOW REPORT, CHAI WILL TAKE PART
IN THE "FINAL STAGE" OF NEGOTIATIONS AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT.
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2. TALKS ON THIS YEAR'S AGREEMENT BEGAN ON APRIL 12 WITH
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THE ARRIVAL OF A WORKING-LEVEL PRC DELEGATION IN MOSCOW

(HK 3888). THE SITE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ALTERNATES BETWEEN THE TWO CAPITALS; THE 1972 TALKS BEGAN IN APRIL IN PEKING AND THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN JUNE (HK 3917, 6/12/72). THE FACT THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET CONCLUDED AFTER AN ADDITIONAL MONTH OF BARGAINING MAY INDICATE SOME DIFFICULTY IN IRONING OUT DETAILS IN THIS YEAR'S AGREEMENT. IN MAY MOSCOW RADIO REPORTED CHINESE REJECTION OF SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR EXPANDING TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE PRC (HK 5273). IN 1972 SINO-SOVIET TRADE INCREASED TO AN ESTIMATED \$250 MILLION. ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS REPORTS, THE LEVEL OF TRADE CALLED FOR IN THIS YEAR'S AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE OF AT LEAST THE SAME MAGNITUDE AS LAST YEAR (MOSCOW 3619).
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3. INDICATING THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLSTIKOV MAY HAVE ALSO RETURNED TO MOSCOW, NCNA REPORTED ONLY THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET CHARGE' BREZHNEV AT THE DELEGATION'S AIRPORT DEPARTURE. UNCLASSIFIED.
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